

IN THE CLAIMS

The status of each claim is listed below.

Claims 1-10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (New): An antibody which recognizes a polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 and has pre-B cell growth-supporting ability and wherein the antibody has a positive reactivity against myeloid cells.

Claim 12 (New): The antibody of Claim 11, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

Claim 13 (New): The antibody of Claim 12, wherein the antibody is an antibody produced by the hybridoma deposited under the accession number FERM BP-4433.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claim 11 has been amended to recite that the antibody has a positive reactivity against myeloid cells. The recitation is supported by Table 1 in the specification as originally filed, wherein the reactivity of the antibody (RS38) of the present invention against myeloid cell is shown as “positive” in the Table 1. Claims 12 and 13 correspond to Claims 9 and 10, respectively. No new matter has been entered by the amendment.